

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously presented) In a telecommunication system, a method of retrieving data from a digital switching system, said method comprising the steps of:  
receiving raw switch data from a digital switching system, wherein the raw switch data is stored by the digital switching system in a switch database;  
via a converter, converting said raw switch data into a format compatible with a predefined spreadsheet program; and  
outputting converted data to and storing said converted data in at least one predefined workbook of said spreadsheet program.
2. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:  
prior to said receiving, converting and outputting steps, installing said digital switching system; and  
performing said receiving, converting and outputting steps as part of a New Product Introduction test.
3. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:  
prior to said receiving, converting and outputting steps, installing said digital switching system; and  
performing said receiving, converting and outputting steps as part of a Customer Acceptance test.
4. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:  
using the output of said converter as a layout, preparing scripts containing Database Modification Commands;  
transferring said scripts to said digital switching system; and

via said digital switching system, executing said scripts to modify the switch database associated with the raw switch data.

5. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

using the output of said converter as a layout, preparing scripts containing Database Modification Commands;

transferring said scripts to said digital switching system; and

via said digital switching system, executing said scripts to modify the switch database associated with the raw switch data.

6. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

using the output of said converter as a layout, preparing scripts containing Database Modification Commands;

transferring said scripts to said digital switching system; and

via said digital switching system, executing said scripts to modify the switch database associated with the raw switch data.

7. (Previously presented) In a telecommunication system, an apparatus for retrieving data from a digital switching system, said apparatus comprising:

a data receiver adapted to receive raw switch data from a digital switching system, wherein the raw switch data is stored by the digital switching system in a switch database;

a data converter coupled to said data receiver, said data converter adapted to convert said raw switch data into a format compatible with a predefined spreadsheet program; and

a data output device coupled to an output of said data converter, said data output device adapted to transmit and store converted data to at least one predefined workbook of said spreadsheet program.

8. (Original) The apparatus in Claim 7 wherein the operation of said data receiver, data converter and data output device are adapted to be triggered via a user's "Make Workbook" Command.

9. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 1 wherein the raw switch data includes at least one of hardware change data, software change data, switching activity data, testing data, troubleshooting data, and new product installation data.

10. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 1 wherein the raw switch data includes recent change and verify data.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus in Claim 7 wherein the raw switch data includes at least one of hardware change data, software change data, switching activity data, testing data, troubleshooting data, and new product installation data.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus in Claim 7 wherein the raw switch data includes recent change and verify data.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) In a telecommunication system, a method of retrieving data from a digital switching system, said method comprising the steps of:  
receiving raw switch data from a digital switch;  
via a converter, converting said raw switch data into a format compatible with a predefined spreadsheet program; and  
outputting converted data to and storing said converted data in at least one predefined workbook of said spreadsheet program.

16. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 15 further comprising the steps of:  
using the output of said converter as a layout, preparing scripts containing Database Modification Commands;  
transferring said scripts to said digital switch; and  
via said digital switch, executing said scripts to modify a switch database associated with the raw switch data.

17. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 15 wherein the raw switch

data includes at least one of hardware change data, software change data, switching activity data, testing data, troubleshooting data, and new product installation data.

18. (Previously presented) The method in Claim 15 wherein the raw switch data includes recent change and verify data.

19. (Previously presented) In a telecommunication system, an apparatus for retrieving data from a digital switching system, said apparatus comprising:

a data receiver adapted to receive raw switch data from a digital switch;

a data converter coupled to said data receiver, said data converter adapted to convert said raw switch data into a format compatible with a predefined spreadsheet program; and

a data output device coupled to an output of said data converter, said data output device adapted to transmit and store converted data to at least one predefined workbook of said spreadsheet program.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus in Claim 19 wherein the operation of said data receiver, data converter and data output device are adapted to be triggered via a user's "Make Workbook" Command.

21. (Previously presented) The apparatus in Claim 19 wherein the raw switch data includes at least one of hardware change data, software change data, switching activity data, testing data, troubleshooting data, and new product installation data.

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus in Claim 19 wherein the raw switch data includes recent change and verify data.